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IF we reflect a little on the Damnable and Hellish Plot which we Yearly Commemorate on the Fifth Day of November, and call to Mind the many Horrid Conspiracies which the *Papists* have ever since been hatching against this Nation, it will not surprize us to find them at this Present Time so busie and industrious in fomenting Divisions and Animosities among us, by buzzing into the Ears of the Mob, *That the Church of England*

land is in Danger: But how far these *In-*
cendaries are proper to be consulted, will
plainly appear if we consider what a Bitter
and Inveterate Enemy the Church of *Rome*
has always been to the Protestant Religion,
and to the Church of *England* in particular.
What a Sea of Blood they have spilt in Mas-
sacres and Inquisitions. What a Cruel and
Barbarous Doctrine they teach, That God
commands them to murder and destroy us
for not believing the Absurd Tenet of
Transubstantiation, and for not worshipping
Images, though expressly forbidden in the
Second Command. And yet to this Reli-
gion (if it deserves that Name) the *Pretender*
is a Bigot. How kind therefore are High-
Church and Jacobites to the *British* Na-
tion, to foment and encourage for the
Pretender's Sake the Traiterous and Re-
bellious Disturbances they have made against
the Queen and Parliament, for exerting
their Authority against the *Trumpeters of*
Sedition and Rebellion? That the Church of
England is not in Danger is as true as that
High-Church are very Ill Subjects; that
our most Gracious *Queen* is a Sincere and
Indulgent Mother of the Church of *England*.
I need not prove; the *Lords and Commons*
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are all, except the *Scots*, and most of them also, of her Communion; the *Lords* the *Bishops* have their Sole Dependance on, and Maintenance out of it, are zealous in its Defence, and recommend it to the *World* by their Works, and their Pious Examples. The *Queen*, *Lords*, and *Commons*, to testify their Hearty Affection to it, have, by act of Parliament, bestow'd on it for ever the First-fruits and Tenths of the *Clergy*, which is Ten Thousand Pounds *per Annum*; they have also secured it to Us for ever by an express Condition of the *Union*; and since the *Union* the *Parliament* have passed several Acts in its Pavour, as that for preserving and erecting Church-Libraries, &c. for appointing Declaratory Oaths against Popery, for continuing the Acts which oblige all Persons to receive the Sacrament therein to qualifie themselves for Offices and Places in the Government. Add to this, that every Parish in this Kingdom has some *Able* Divine to preach in its Vindication, and there's a Spiritual Court in every Diocess to punish all Persons who act or say any Thing unworthy of it. Hence it is manifest, that what the *Jacobites*, and *Papists*, and *High-Church*,

report and insinuate into the Minds of the Vulgar, that *the Church is in Danger*, cannot be true in respect of the Church of *England*, but the Church of *Rome*; and yet we may observe how High-Church is offend-
 ed to see the Protestant Religion triumphant, and Popery expiring, in this Nation. 'Tis no Wonder also that the Jacobites and Papists are so highly incensed at *their own Danger*; that *they* traiterously fly in the Face of all Authority, the Queen, Lords, and Commons, on this Occasion. 'Tis no Wonder they revile and paint in the Blackest Colours the late and ever-glorious King *William*, our Deliverer, and inveigh against *that Resistance*, without which the Revolution could not have rescued us from Popery and Slavery: 'Tis this Account that they spit their Venom against our General for obliging the *French* to sue for Peace, asperse the present Ministry for guarding us at Home against all Enemies to Her Majesty, and the Protestant Succession, and libel and reproach that *Famous Patriot* who has lately given so great a Blow to Popery in the Kingdom of *Ireland*. 'Tis no Wonder that *they cry out aloud, and spare not*, against the Protestant Dissenters, whose

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whose Principles as well as their Practice are consistent with the Revolution, who are *professed* Enemies to Popery and Slavery, are Hearty and Loyal Subjects to Her Present Majesty, and are ready to sacrifice their Lives and Fortunes in Defence of the Protestant Religion and Succession. 'Tis no Wonder also that the Jacobites and Papists endeavour with all their Might to foment Divisions and Animosities between the Church of *England* and the Protestant Dissenters, whereby they weaken us against themselves. And lastly, that they rail and bellow out their Malicious Invectives against the Act of Toleration, which has entirely united all her Majesty's Good Subjects against the Common Enemy, and instead of Enemies has gain'd Thousands of Profelytes to the Establish'd Church. 'Tis Moderation and Love, Charity and Brotherly-kindness, Meekness, Mercy and Forbearance, that Influence our Consciences, and are the Christian Vertues recommended to us in Scripture, and which are taught and practised by all True Sons of the Church of *England*: But as for Persecution, and thundring out Spiritual Anathema's against Protestant Dissenters, pulling

ling down their Meetings set apart for God's Worship. This certainly is the Doctrine of the Devil and the Pope, and of False Brethren; was utterly abhorr'd by our Blessed Saviour, and by all good Men that believed his Gospel, and followed his Holy Example:

If therefore, Gentlemen, you have any Love and Veneration for Popery and Slavery, for Chains and Fetters, for *France* and *Rome*, for Massacres and Inquisitions, for Jesuits and Jacobites, you will highly oblige them by rising in Rebellion, and opposing the Execution of Justice on that Person whom the Commons of *Great Britain* have impeach'd for High Crimes and Misdemeanors, in Preaching and Printing Two Sermons, *With a Wicked, Malicious, and Seditious Intention, to undermine and subvert Her Majesty's Government, and the Protestant Succession, as by Law Establish'd, to defame Her Majesty's Administration, to asperse the Memory of his late Majesty, to traduce and condemn the late Happy Revolution, to contradict and arraign the Resolution of both Houses of Parliament, to create Jealousies and Divisions among Her Majesty's Subjects, and to incite them to Sedition and Rebellion. See the Impeachment.*

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But on the contrary, *Gentlemen*, If you had rather continue Dutiful and Loyal Subjects to the Best and most Gracious of Queen's ; if you have any Regard for the Constitution of this Kingdom, in Queen, Lords and Commons, whereby *yourselves* are represented in Parliament; and if you desire what is the Natural Consequence of such a Government, the Peaceable Enjoyment of your Lives, Liberties, and Estates, and the free Exercise of the Protestant Religion ; and lastly, if you desire when God shall deprive us of Her Present Majesty, *a Protestant Succession*, that so this Happiness may effectually be entailed on your Children and Posterity ; I earnestly entreat you to Abhor and Discountenance the Scandalous and Seditious Report, which Jacobites, and Papists, and other High-Church Incendiaries, are spreading in this Nation, *that the Church is in Danger* ; I have proved to you already that the Church of *England* is Establish'd on the securest and most lasting Foundation, is protected and defended by the Laws of this Kingdom, and by Queen, Lords and Commons, so that whatever *S—ll*, and High-Church Incendiaries, may insinuate to the contrary, there

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there is no Church in Danger but the
Church of Rome.

Advertisement from Tyburn.

IF any Roman Catholick, Jacobite, or
High-Churchmen, will throw aside
their Long Wigs and Swords, and in the
Disguise of a Mobbish Dress will from
Time to Time repair to S——ll's Levy,
and thence *huzza* him to *Westminster*, and
back again, and afterwards pull down the
Churches of Protestant Dissenters, set
Houses on fire, bully and threaten the
Queen, Lords and Commons, and encourage
the People to Sedition and Rebellion, they
shall receive the *Blessing* of their High-
Church Patron, and be well rewarded by
Jack Ketch for their Pains, he having lately
Bought for this Purpose several strong
Halters of the Newest Fashion, with which
he promises to *Hang* them as *decently* as any
Man in *England*, and so God Bless ye Gen-
tlemen.

Captain

Captain T O M's

New Declaration

To all the

GENTLEMEN

OF THE

Broomstick and Mopstaff

REGIMENTS.

Gentlemen,

THE Grave Dons are ready to censure
our Proceedings in General, as tho'
we acted always without Thought; and
since our late Proceedings have given too
much Reason for such Censure, I was willing
to

to declare to the World, that tho' we may be misled by false Accounts of Things given by Ill-designing Persons, yet we scorn to persist in our Error when we have discover'd our Cloven Foot of our Abettors. Gentlemen, upon my Recovery from the Heat our late Blind Zeal puts us into these Things occur'd to my Thoughts.

First, thought I, if we have such Respect for Doctor *Sacharverell* as we pretend, we should show it by a Compliance with the Doctor's Principles, which in his Sermon he declares to be absolutely to obey our Governours, and not to resist 'em on any Pretence whatsoever; and it must sure be a very small Honour to the Non-resisting Doctor to have none but Resisting Disciples. But then the Occasion of our late Tumult was the Subject of our next Thought.

It was hotly di'n'd in our Ears that the Church was in Danger, that the Dissenters caused the Doctor to be impeach'd for being a Churchman, and such like; but I now find these Rumours not only False, but Absurd. I have seen a true Copy of the Articles of Impeachment, and find the Doctor charged with Blackning the late Revolution,

tion, our Happy Deliverance from Popery and Slavery, and with laying down Principles, which (if true) make the same unjustifiable, and with giving an Absolute Power to Kings over the Liberties and Properties of their Subjects. Now since these are the Things charged to him, 'tis well the Papists and Nonjurors, (whose Ends we have been ignorantly serving,) conceal'd the true Charge from us, and impos'd a false One on us, for otherwise we should not have been deluded to caress the Person who is preaching down our late Deliverance from Popery and Slavery, to introduce both, who as much as in him lyes, in giving up our Liberties and Properties, of which (to our Honour) we of this Nation have been, (and I hope shall ever continue) so Tender and Jealous. But then the Absurdity of our late Behaviour appears further, if we consider, that tho' the Doctor was Impeach'd for a Matter which he calls the Doctrine of the Church of *England*, yet why should we be unwilling to submit the same to the Judgments of the Bishops, for they are in Conscience and Interest obliged to do the Doctor Justice; in Interest, because it must be supposed they won't act to the Hurt of the Church,

Church, because with her themselves must decline, and they can't expect such Revenues from any Conventicle as they have from the Church. Now upon the whole Matter we ought quietly to permit the States of this Kingdom to proceed in Trial of the Things laid to the Doctor's Charge, not doubting but that if Innocent, he will be acquitted, if Guilty, why should he go uncensur'd? I hope you will consider these Things, and recollect the odd Circumstances of our late Behaviour, the several Springs of Action, and whose Interest we have been ignorantly advancing, and then I doubt not to have Honour from your future Loyal, Quiet and Peaceable Behaviour.

Sign'd, TOM.

A Short Way with St. Paul and Sacheverell.

THE Church of England they say has asserted
That the Subjects may not the Sov^r reign resist,
What, if Laws and Religion are to be subverted?
The Prince as to that is to do as he list.

This I presume they ground upon Laws
Not Humane, but what they say are Divine;
I meddle not with the former, because
They are at this present no Business of mine.

The Church, or good Church-men, moreover declare
No Miracle can an ill Doctrine attest;
That of all the Systems of Morals that are,
The Christian Religion has given us the best.

Are these Things consistent? Pray let us consider,
For if they are not you will readily own
That on one side or t'other there must be an Error,
Whoever asserts so, one or both must go down.

I grant when a Doctrine Immortal is brought,
And the Preacher declares he thus does speak,
No matter how many Wonders are wrought,
They will not prove to us the Words are Divine.

To impute to St. Paul (for Example) what tends
To Oppression, and every Thing that is bad,
Is to justify him, who then (amongst Friends)
Was not much in the wrong when he said he was mad.

If Passive Obedience by Natural Law
Be Condemn'd, the Apostle cou'd never be thought
To ha' Preach'd it; or you must this Inference draw,
He was not inspir'd when that Doctrine he taught.

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The Christian Religion instructs us in Vertue,
It tends to promote the good of Mankind;
Not one of its Practical Doctrines can hurt you:
Thus far you may see we are all of a Mind.

The whole Matter is therefore determin'd by this,
Not by Authorities they cannot prove
The Doctrine Divine, but observe what it is,
If Evil, be sure it is not from above.

That Churches or Preachers may Err, or profess
To believe what they do not, you'll grant me with Ease;
If the Particle Our does alter the Case,
'Tis Prejudice only, the Common Disease.

Passive Obedience to the Power Supream,
Which a Wise Constitution has made to be so,
Is a Doctrine that ever will merit Esteem:
Consider what follows if further you go.

But that is so obvious I need not relate,
I refer it to every rational Man;
And I love not to meddle with Matters of State,
Being willing to keep my Skin whole if I can.

However, I'll venture to ask you one Question,
You may if you please, (you will say,) pray what is't?
Nay, 'tis not a Matter we much shall contest on,
Are those a free People who may not resist?

O Liberty! ——— Who can forbear to go on,
And celebrate those that at *Westminster-Hall*,
Standing under the Trophies our Valour has won,
Are busy'd like Heroes? Pray God Bless you all.

Had St. Paul been a *Dutchman*, the Staff and the Shoer,
Had been sent him for meddling with Politick Matters;
However, I wish other Parsons wou'd chuse
To give up all those kind of Things to their Betters.

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